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1st. June, 1946.

To :- The Mayor, Alderman & Councillors
of the Borough of Shaftesbury.

Gentlemen & Madam,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1945.

The Report is prepared, and will be circulated, in accordance with the requirements of Article 17(5) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, and Ministry of Health Circular No.49/45.

Dr. G. Bodley Scott was your temporary Medical Officer of Health during the time to which this Report relates and I am obliged to him and to your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hawkins, for the information contained in the Report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1 9 4 5.

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A STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area - 1078 acres

Rateable Value - £19,578

Sum represented by a penny rate - £79 approx.

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Not yet available

B. WATER SUPPLIES

The supply is derived from deep wells under the town. The supply at source has always been found to be bacteriologically pure. As a precaution it is, however, chlorinated.

Owing to a reduction in yield appeals for economy in use were made to consumers. In June further decrease in consumption was required to be imposed by cutting off the mains supply each night from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. In July the supply was cut off an hour earlier. In November a continuous supply was restored.

During the year 9 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. In each case a satisfactory result was obtained.

No evidence of plumbo-solvent action has been found in connection with the Council's water supply.

No new works were carried out during the year.

Consultant Engineers have been asked to report and prepare a scheme for supplementing the present supply.

C. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Practically the whole of the Borough is sewered. The disposal is by land irrigation of Holyrood Farm and Paynes Place Farm.

Consultant Engineers have prepared a scheme for the construction of a modern sewage disposal plant and additional sewers. The scheme has been adopted by your authority and has been forwarded to the Dorset County Council with an application for financial assistance under the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944.

D. PUBLIC REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly collection is undertaken in covered refuse collection motor vehicle.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

E. SANITARY INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

1.	Total No. of inspections (under all headings)	-	1244
	ditto informal notices served	-	40
	ditto informal notices complied with	-	30
	ditto statutory notices served	-	Nil
	ditto statutory notices complied with	-	Nil
2.	Number of inspections carried out during the year under :-		
	(a) Factories Act	-	10
	(b) Shops Act	-	Nil

E. SANITARY INSPECTIONS continued.....

3. Number of sanitary inspections of schools - giving particulars of works or alterations effected as a result of notices served informal or formal.

No. of inspections	-	Nil
Works or alterations effected	-	Nil

F. HOUSING

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year :-

(1)(a)	Number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.)	127
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	407
(2)(a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	Nil
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the previous sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (inclusive of dwellinghouses inspected in connection with applications for Building Licences.)	103

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :-

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 12

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs - Nil

(2) No. of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-

(a) By owners - Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners - Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied - Nil

(2) No. of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-

(a) By owners - Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners - Nil

F. HOUSING continued.....

3. Action under Statutory powers (continued)

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of Housing Act, 1936:

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-	Nil
(2) No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-	Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of Housing Act, 1936:

(1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-	Nil
(2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders, were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit	-	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a) No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	-	Nil
(b) No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	-	Nil
(c) (i) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	-	Nil
(ii) No. of persons concerned in such cases		Nil
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	-	Nil

5. No. of houses inspected for use in connection with Evacuation - 19

No. of inspections made -- 139

No. of properties requisitioned by the Council for Evacuees - 19

(This number comprises (a) 13 separate dwellings, (b) 2 dwellings each sub-divided into 2 separate tenements, (c) two rooms in part of a building used as separate tenement but not requisitioned, and (d) one Council House occupied by evacuees but not requisitioned.)

(During the year 5 of the dwellings were given up, leaving 14 tenements retained at 31.12.45.)

G. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

No. of persons on register at end of 1945	-	17
No. of dairy farms and other dairy premises on register at end of 1945	-	14
No. of dairy farms inspected during 1945	-	2
No. of inspections	-	6
No. of notices served	-	Nil
No. of notices complied with	-	Nil
No. of milkshops inspected during 1945	-	2
No. of inspections	--	3
No. of notices served	-	2
No. of notices complied with	-	2

G. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD continued

(b) Meat and Other Foods

(1) No. of Post-Mortem Inspections	-	Nil
(2) Table of Carcases Inspected and condemned	-	Not applicable

Number of Inspections carried out at :-

(a) Premises registered for the sale or manufacture of ice-cream or prepared meals etc.	-	25
(b) Food premises (otherwise subject to the Food and Drugs Act, 1938)	-	43
(c) No. of notices served	-	1
(d) No. of notices complied with	-	1

Particulars of unsound foods voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:

Packages	Description	Net weight (approx)
25 tins	Corned beef	39¾lbs
1 "	Minced Beef	¾lbs
32 "	Pork luncheon meat etc.	48½lbs
1 "	Pork sausage meat	1½lbs
14 "	Stewed steak	14 lbs
3 "	Tongue	18 lbs
7 "	Meat Roll	7 lbs
138 "	Fish (salmon, sardines etc.)	93 lbs
155 "	Milk (evaporated, condensed)	141½lbs
30 "	Vegetables (beans, peas etc.)	40½;bs
3 "	Fruit (plums)	5 lbs
5 "	Preserves (syrup, marmalade)	10 lbs
4 pkts	Breakfast cereal	3 lbs
2 boxes	Fish (fresh, cod and ling)	140 lbs
	Sugar	7 lbs
	Tea	¾ lbs

H INFECTIOUS DISEASE - SANITARY SUPERVISION

No. of visits of investigation carried out in cases of infectious disease during the year	1
No. of disinfections (of house or contents) carried out in cases of infectious disease during the year	Nil
No. of disinfestations of house or contents carried out on account of Scabies during the year	Nil
Average cost to Local Authority of each disinfestation (if known)	---

I PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1945

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Erysipelas	1	1	-
Measles	87	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-

I PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES continued.....

Tuberculosis

New Cases		Deaths	
Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory

Nil

J DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

	Under 5	Over 5
No. of children who completed full course of treatment during the year	29	3
Approximate estimated number of children in the area protected on 30th. June, 1945	61%	96%

N.F. Pearson

Medical Officer of Health.